

**FORM FOR RECORDING REPORTS OF WHOOPING CRANE SIGHTINGS**  
**WHOOPING CRANE OBSERVATION RECORD**

DATE OF SIGHTING \_\_\_\_\_ TIME OF SIGHTING \_\_\_\_\_ REPORTING DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Location: (exact as possible)

Number observed: \_\_\_\_\_

How long observed: \_\_\_\_\_

Distance of observation: \_\_\_\_\_

Were binoculars used? \_\_\_\_\_ Spotting scope? \_\_\_\_\_

*Check ( ✓ ) appropriate spaces.*

Were the birds: black and white ( ), all white ( ), rusty ( ), gray ( )?

Were the birds: observed flying ( ), or landed ( )?

If they were flying, were the:

Legs: long and trailing ( ), short ( ), black ( ), orange ( )?

Wings: with black tips ( ), pure white ( )?

Neck: curved ( ), or stretched straight out ( )?

Flight: flapping ( ), soaring ( )?

If they were landed, were the birds:

walking ( ), wading ( ), swimming ( )?

Legs: long ( ), short ( ), black ( ), orange ( )?

Bill: long ( ), short ( ), black ( ), orange ( )?

Behavior:

feeding ( ), drinking ( ), dancing ( ), calling ( )?

Were they alone ( ), with geese ( ), with Sandhill cranes ( ), with other birds (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Description of sighting location and habitat utilized (grain field, marsh, overhead, etc.):

Observer's name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Classification of Observation:

Confirmed ( ), Probable ( ), Unconfirmed ( )

Reasons for classification selection: